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The impassioned orator who exclaimed, "I smell a rat; I'll nip him in the bud," has been fairly outdone by the esteemed Journal which says "The slow measured tread of justice draws," etc.

An opera house that will be a lasting benefit to Helena, we understand is practically an assured fact. The plans are not yet perfected but the men with the money are ready. Helena is moving on.

Bids for paving Main street should be received until April 1. Give everybody a chance to compete, and may the best man get the job. The contract should be one to meet the approval of every property holder in interest.

The opera season opens to night and the sales of seats show that the beauty and the bravery of Helena will be there in great array. It is a noteworthy event in our social history and it is to the credit of our people that their generous appreciation has made the financial success of the company a certainty.

That exceedingly well edited and able journal, the Salt Lake Tribune, follows the enterprise of THE INDEPENDENT and announces a Monday edition. It says, "If Utah formerly was worth working for six-sevenths of the time, it is worth working for all the time now." The Tribune also appears in new type and its eight handsome pages are printed on a web perfecting press. It deserves its prosperity.

Will any republican in the United States senate rise above the consideration of merely temporary party advantage and vote for a searching investigation into the facts of the Montana election? No, we think not. A body of men who are led by a man like Edmunds, the defender of Blocks of Five Dudley, will condone even so black a crime as that which sent Sanders and Power to Washington.

SENATOR DAWES has written an article in the Forum magazine reviewing "A Year of Republican Control." The one and only result thus far of the return of the republican party to control of the house of representatives is the tramping under foot of the rights of the minority. By the time the second year of republican control is ended the people will be glad enough to return to power a party that has a regard for equity and for the liberty of thought.

DENVER is to have a \$150,000 paper mill which is to be located within three miles of that city. It will manufacture news-print paper of which \$500,000 worth is used in Colorado annually. There is another mill at Golden in the same state which makes wrapping papers exclusively. There is a fortune for some capitalist in this business in Montana. Here, as in Colorado, there is an inexhaustible supply of timber from which to make wood-pulp. And there is a home market for the product.

EVERY man or woman in Montana who owns a bit of land; every householder who occupies rented premises even; every schoolboy and schoolgirl, and every other person who can get a chance at some other body's land should heed Gov. Toole's Arbor Day proclamation. "Plant trees, shrubs and vines," says the governor, around homes, on the ranch, on the desert, around the schoolhouse—on every spot where anything will grow. April 15 should be a red-letter day in Montana. Plan for it, prepare for it, as for a festival day. Let there be a great popular uprising, the movement of a great army of tree-planters upon the magnificent domain that Nature has prepared for us.

## WE THINK HE IS RIGHT.

An esteemed fellow-citizen writes to THE INDEPENDENT a letter that contains some points that are worthy of serious consideration. He says:

It is exceedingly gratifying to every citizen of Helena to note the growth and general prosperity of our beautiful city.

Our people are to be complimented upon their zeal in laboring for its interests, in advertising its desirable features and for the wonderful unanimity manifested on every question which looks to its improvement.

The Chamber of Commerce, the government building, the electric motor lines, the new hotels and the paving of Main street have all been kept before the public, as they should be, for they are grand enterprises that will do great things for the present and future greatness of Montana's capital. But it is not strange that no one has thought to suggest that our city needs—and sadly needs—substantial improvements in the line of its public school buildings.

St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver and Portland, our only rivals, boast of their magnificent school buildings. They are pointed out with pride and held up as an evidence of the culture and progressiveness of their people. They are thus made to do as much if not more to advertise their respective cities than any other means employed.

But let us ask what citizen of Helena ever took a stranger from the east around the city to admire its school buildings? What citizen is proud of them now that we stand as one of the important cities of the nation? Do we not boast of being one of the wealthiest cities of our size in the world, and yet it is not a fact that our school buildings are below the average of those found in the poorer classes of eastern cities? Again, there is an urgent demand for more room. Every school room in the city

is occupied, some of them being crowded beyond all reason while six schools are being held in rented rooms. Some of these are poorly lighted and ventilated. In addition to this the school population is rapidly increasing, there being enrolled at this time nearly or quite 300 more pupils than twelve months ago. Not only is this true, but there is a strong probability that the increase in the population of the city will be greater this year than ever before.

Notwithstanding all these facts, which must be apparent to the most casual observer, not one word has been said on the necessity of enlarging our school facilities.

A Chamber of Commerce costing \$150,000 would be a grand thing for the city and a monument to the business push and foresight of our business men. We need it; and realize that we are to have it. But \$150,000 invested in school buildings and appliances would be a grander monument to our enterprise and business sagacity. It would speak in stronger language of our real prosperity, of our faith in the future greatness of our mountain-girt city and magnificent state, and prove a stronger inducement for people of other states to come and settle with us. In asking strangers to come to us let us appeal to their love of intelligence and culture as well as to their desire to improve their fortunes.

Do not think we are trying to throw cold water upon the grand moves already inaugurated. They are all needed, and we hail the day of their final completion. But let us add to these noble enterprises the crowning glory of all—a system of public school buildings suited to our necessities, and the peer in beauty and convenience of any within 1,000 miles of us. Let us encourage every legitimate enterprise, assist in every movement designed to enlarge our usefulness and add to our growth and prosperity; but in so doing, let us not forget that our educational interests are of the most vital importance and not be permitted to languish nor be assigned a place near the rear guard of our advance to future greatness. Let us build school houses.

There can be no doubt that the time is near at hand when the number of school buildings will have to be increased to accommodate our rapidly growing population. The people of Helena are prompt to act and only need to have this matter properly presented to them.

THE International Conference to discuss problems of labor which meets in Berlin on next Saturday at the suggestion of the Emperor William will be watched with attentive interest throughout the world. All the European governments will have delegates present, and the discussions will take a wide range. There is an overcrowding of population in nearly every country of Europe, but in no two of them are the industrial conditions the same, and it is difficult to see how any of the more serious labor problems can be settled on a universal basis. One topic to be discussed is the labor of women and children, and it is possible that in regard to that there may be some sort of agreement upon uniform legislation in the several countries that will be beneficial. Even if the conference results in nothing practical the cause of labor has made great gain when kings and emperors lend an ear to the murmuring voices of the people.

## ON THE SIDE.

Manager Pringle, of the Georgia minstrels, who was lately in town, told a good story, though something similar has been heard before. He said that during the early part of the season he was in a small California town arranging a date for his company. The local manager, who was new in the business, showed his ignorance on several occasions. Pringle enjoyed the fellow's attempt to air his knowledge until one incident occurred that sent him into a laughing fit that lasted two days. When the advantages of the house were being discussed, Pringle asked about the acoustic properties. "They are all right," said the local manager, "and they ought to be. It cost me \$200 to have them painted by a Chicago artist."

All who attended the Jar can entertainments will remember the laughable comedy of Martin O'Neill who looked after the Irish side of the play. He is quite as funny off the stage as when he appears in his make-up which, by the way, was very good. O'Neill's father is a prominent democratic politician in Philadelphia and is always a candidate for some office. The comedian tells this story on the old man. One night he was going home from the theatre when he heard some one yelling in a saloon "for all the byes to come up and have a drink on me." Martin dropped in the place and found that his father was the author of the treat. When the old man, who has a funny Irishman brogue, saw his son he cried out: "Ah, is it you, Martin, me bye. Will you join us wid a drink?"

"What are you all drinking?" asked his son. "Five beers," said the old man. "Well," said Martin to the bartender, "give me five beers too."

And he made the old gentleman settle for them.

The legislators of Kentucky certainly have an eye out for the interests of their constituents. The latest move of one of the members is to introduce a bill compelling circus managers to exhibit everything they advertise on the posters. A gentleman who recently visited Kentucky was telling this incident to a party of good fellows in one of the hotel lobbies the other evening. "That reminds me," said Hugh McQuind, "of a man in one of our early territorial legislatures. It was his first term and he wanted to introduce a few bills to show his constituents that he was here in their interests; but time passed on without his being able to do anything until the end of the session was nearly reached. Then he got desperate. One evening he came into the legislature office in a state of nervous exhaustion and asked me to assist him in preparing a bill. I asked him what the proposed measure was to accomplish. 'Well,' says he, 'the people of my county have been complaining for years of the damage to timber caused by these yellow woodpeckers. Now I want to propose a remedy.'

"All right, what do you intend to do?" "Well, I want a law passed by this legislature that the bills of all woodpeckers shall be heavily padded with sheepskin on 1st after the 1st of March next."

"But," continued Hugh, "I never heard whether the proposition got a place in the statutes."

## MARCH MAGAZINES.

Scribner's Magazine, after devoting its opening pages for several months to articles of practical interest and exploration, has, as its leading feature for March, a purely literary paper on Charles Lamb, who always commands the sympathetic interest of people who read. It also contains the concluding paper in Col. Church's remarkable

study of Ericsson's career; a brief description of the Australian boomerang; a striking summary of the recent wonderful French experiments in hypnotism; a picturesque account of the remnant of Seminoles who live in the Everglades of Florida; dramatic chapters in the two illustrated serials, and a good short story, poems, and "The Point of View," the new department. Six of the articles are illustrated.

The frontispiece of the New England Magazine for March is a full-length portrait of Chief Justice Fuller, and the article in the number which is likely to attract attention quickest is on "The Supreme Court of the United States," by James D. Colt. It is a learned and careful article, at the same time anecdotal and vivacious; it is very fully illustrated, giving portraits of all the chief justices from Jay down. The opening article in the magazine is entitled "A New England Country Gentleman in the Last Century." This country gentleman was Henry Bromfield, of the famous old Boston family which gave its name to a street and a hotel in the city; and the account of his quiet life in the little town of Harvard, and the charming illustrations of the article, will delight a great many besides the antiquarians. Another important illustrated article is on Chautauque, and the significance of this large and growing factor in American life. An article on "A Successful Woman's Club" relates to the Ladies' Library association of Kalamazoo, Michigan, for which is here claimed the honor of being the oldest literary society for women in America. "The Influence of John Calvin on the New England Town-Meeting," by Arthur May Mowry, exhibits in a new and striking way the immense influence of Calvin and Calvinism in the development of democracy. There is an interesting article by Alice Morse Earle on Narragansett Peas, the famous old Rhode Island breed of horses, now extinct. The stories and poetry of the number are unusually interesting.

The Forum is an unusually strong number and no thoughtful reader can be well informed without this high class magazine. Frederic Harrison writes of France in 1789 and in 1889; a striking contrast; W. H. Mallock discusses Zola and realism in fiction; Archdeacon Farrar "The Specter of the Monk"; Amos K. Fiske in a "Protest Against Dogma"; argues for a creedless church; Prof. James Willis Gleed of "Western Farm Mortgages." Other timely articles are, "War Under New Conditions," by Henry L. Abbott; "A Year of Republican Control," by Senator H. L. Dawes; "Do the People Wish Reform," by Prof. Albert B. Hart; "The Right to Vote," by Judge Tourgee; "The Practice of Vivisection," by Caroline E. White.

## Turned the Other Check.

The Rev. Mr. Brewton of the Methodist church, says the Savannah News, last Sabbath, while preaching in Reynolds, felt disturbed by some one talking in the church. Mr. Brewton said: "I will not be preaching long, and if those talking will wait until I get through I will give them the floor."

When the services were over and the congregation dispersed young Mr. Howard waited for the minister to pass by. Approaching him he said:

"The young lady I was with in church feels insulted at your remarks, and you must apologize."

"I have said nothing to apologize for," answered the preacher.

"You must apologize or I'll smack your jaw,"

"Smack away," replied the parson, exposing his cheek, as if to invite the lick.

Howard, not violently, but in a spent force manner, let his hand come in contact with the parson's unsuspecting cheek.

"Will you apologize now?" asked Mr. Howard.

"No," firmly responded Mr. Brewton, and, turning the other cheek, said:

"Strike that also if you wish."

Howard rubbed his hand on it.

"Are you through?" inquired the preacher, cool and fearless.

"Yes," was the response, "unless you wish to resent it."

"Now," said the minister, commandingly, "behave hereafter when you go to church."

Mr. Brewton's victory was complete, and Mr. Howard regrets his conduct, and has apologized himself to the preacher.

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